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SUBJECT: CLUB OF ROME MEETING IN ALGIERS

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1. OFFICIAL PRESS IN THE LAST FEW DAYS HAS CARRIED
NUMBER LENGTHY ARTICLES ON, AND GIVEN UNUSUAL PROMINENCE
TO, CLUB OF ROME MEETING ALGIERS OCTOBER 25-28.

2. MEETING WILL DISCUSS REPORT ("RIO" - RESHAPING THE
INTERNATIONAL ORDER) PREPARED BY GROUP DIRECTED BY DUTCH
PROFESSOR JAN TINBERGEN AND CHARGED WITH SEEKING A
"COMMON DENOMINATOR OF UNDERSTANDING" BETWEEN DCS AND
LDCS. THEMES OF THE MEETING (APPARENTLY TAKEN FROM THE
REPORT) ARE GIVEN AS: STRATEGY OF CHANGE (OR GROWTH);
INTERNATIONAL FINANCING OF DEVELOPMENT; INDUSTRIALIZATION,
COMMERCE AND THE INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOR;
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COMPANIES; SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL

DEVELOPMENT; REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS. AFTER THE ALGIERS MEETING, THE RIO REPORT WILL BE REWORKED AND PRESENTED IN FINAL FORM IN AMSTRDAM.

3. PRESS CLAIMS SOME 50 MEMBERS OF CLUB OF ROME WILL ATTEND AS WELL AS OTHER PERSONALITIES FROM THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND JOURNALISTIC WORLDS AND FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (UN, FAO, OECD, UNCTAD, COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT) FOR A TOTAL OF ABOUT 300 PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS. IN ADDITION TO AMERICANS LISTED IN STATE REFTEL, PRESS LISTS FORMER AMBASSADOR JOHN W. TUTHILL OF ATLANTIC INSTITUTE AS PARTICIPANT.

4. COMMENT: PRESS TREATING MEETING AS AN IMPORTANT FEATHER IN ALGERIA'S CAP AND DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF ALGERIAN INITIATIVE AT SIXTH SPECIAL GA TO FOCUS WORLD ATTENTION ON PROBLEMS OF LDCS AND NEED FOR NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. MEETING ORGANIZER RISS DJAZAIRI (WHO WAS ONE OF SOME 20 ECONOMISTS WHO WORKED ON THE RIO REPORT) QUOTED AS CRITICAL OF SOME IDEAS IN REPORT (E.G. DIVISION OF LABOR GIVING THE DCS THE MOST SOPHISTICATED INDUSTRIES) BUT WELCOMING THE ATTENTION THE CLUB OF ROME "WHOSE OPTIC UNTIL NOW WAS OF TESTERN-CENTRIST TYPE AND WHICH CONSIDERED PROBLEMS THAT CONCERN THE RICH") IS NOW OIVING TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE LDCS AND THE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. DJAZAIRI QUOTED AS HOPING ONLY THAT THE MEETING WILL PRODUCE A LIVELY DEBATE AND HELP TO SHAKE "THE TORPOR OF SOME AND THE ESIGNATION OF OTHERS."PARKER

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